AMERICAN LEGION

Florissant Valley Memorial Post 444
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For God, Country, and our American Legion Family at Post 444,

William Schnarr, Commander

Mayor Thomas Schneider is pleased to announce that on Saturday, June 9th the American Legion Post 444 and the City of Florissant will host a Flag Retirement Ceremony that will held in the front of Florissant City Hall (On St. Francois St.) starting at 11: a.m. The members of Post and Auxiliary are requested to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

First Vice-Commander Joel Hauck reports current membership is now at 460.
He asks everyone to send in their current dues, if they haven't done so by now.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

April 20th meeting	**Don Williams not present**
May 7th meeting	**Eddie Comage he won!!!!!!**
May 21st meeting	**Charles Haynes not present**

TAPS

NEW MEMBER

John Williams

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for all officers of the POST will be accepted at the June 4th meetings, with elections to be held June 18th meeting. There is a great need for members to step up and run for these offices. All nominees must be present at a meeting to be nominated, or submit a letter to the commander asking to be excused.
At the May 7th and May 21st meeting the following Nominations were made:

Commander	**William "Bill" Schnarr**
1st Vice Commander	**Joel Hauck**
Ast.1st Vice	**Ed Chappelle**
2nd Vice Commander	**Open**
Asst. 2nd Vice Commander	**Open**
Finance Officer	**Open**
Asst. Finance Officer	**Open**
Adjutant	**Open**
Asst. Adjutant	**Gary Larrabee**
Sgt. At Arms	**Tony Dalski**
Asst. Sgt. At Arms	**Sonny Sohn**
Service Officer	**Charlie Burgess**
Asst. Service Officer	**Open**
Historian	**Open**
Judge Advocate	**Dave Weidner**

AUXILIARY NEWS

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 444 has a scheduled meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM. All AUX. members please plan on attending these meetings.

All the Post 444 AUX members please come to the June meeting for election of officers.

Mary Jo Giessman
Unit 444 President

DETACH HERE

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE COMMANDER

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Dear Post 444 Family,

As am I sure many of you know that there has been much talk about why we should sell the post and move closer into the Florissant Valley Area. As a Post we have a mission to support the local community, the Veterans, and the Veterans family in the community.

The reasons for selling the Post are simple, while we are thriving in some respects we are hurting in others. The bulk of our income is the Funeral Honors team that works hard to support our mission at Jefferson Barracks, but that mission is slowly dying because of manpower and support. Our fish fries and meat shoots while successful have also lost volunteers, the cost of overhead, and lack of turn out at these events. While our volunteers and the Command Team work hard to support these events, we are still fighting to get these events up and running.

Our membership numbers are down across the entire Legion family of Post 444 and to make it we must grow that membership. The SAL and ALR charters are still active but we have almost no membership for these organizations. Moving into town will allow us to grow these memberships as well as reach out to a younger generation of Veterans and their families.

While the Post itself makes money and we have money we are putting more and more of that money into post infrastructure and up keep. This has hurt our income, while working to maintain the current buildings and grounds this task is getting bigger and bigger as we go along. Would a move change our current sources of income? YES! But for us to carry on as a Post and the mission we have we need to re-brand the Post to a more welcoming and open place for the people of Florissant. This new income would be meals on Friday or Saturday nights, more open bar hours for our members and the public, and more community engagement events that would boost not only our income but our membership as well and allowing us to regain the physical presence in the Florissant Area. We would keep our yearly fish fry and we would more than likely lose the meat shoot unless we find a group that would allow us to use their land for such an event. However, I understand that things like this will not happen overnight and would take more logistics and manpower and those things can come about later in the process.

The enclosed ballot is intended to give us an idea of the general feeling of members who do not or cannot attend our regular meetings. It is NOT the official vote. The only OFFICIAL vote on this issue will occur at our regular meeting on July 2nd. You MUST BE PRESENT at this meeting if you wish to vote. Please fill out the ballot and return it to:

James Hunt
Nominations Officer
1340 St. Bernadette Lane
Florissant, Mo 63031

Please place the ballot into an envelope and mail it back no later than 1 July 2018 so that the Executive Committee can use those votes to make recommendations to the general member and have a closed ballot

vote on the general membership on 2 July 2018. Please take the time to fill out the ballot or come to the general membership on 2 July 2018, 1930 hours.

If you have any question, comments, or ideas please feel free to reach out and I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

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